

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## **CURRENT POSITION**

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01/09/2020 - Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi.  
Lecturer (Political Studies)

## **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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04/2013 – 03/2017 **University of Bamberg, Bamberg, Germany.**  
Ph.D. (Political Science).

Dissertation: 'The Role of Functional Differentiation in the Decision-Making Process of the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM): Merit-based or Power Politics?'

09/2011 – 08/2012 **King's College London, United Kingdom.**  
M.A. Conflict Security and Development.

08/2010 – 07/2011 **University of Ghana, Legon Accra, Ghana.**  
M.A. International Affairs.

08/2004 – 06/2008 **Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana.**  
B.A. Social Sciences (First Class Honors).

10/1999 – 06/2002 **Tamale Teacher Training College, Tamale, Ghana.**  
Teacher's Certificate 'A' (3-Year Post Secondary).

## **RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE**

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10/2018 – 08/2020 University of Bamberg, Bamberg, Germany.  
**Lecturer (Part time)** – Chair of International Relations.

04/2018 – 09/2018 Parental leave.

10/2017 – 03/2018 University of Bamberg, Bamberg, Germany.  
**Lecturer (Part time)** – Chair of International Relations.

06/2016 – 12/2017 King's College London, United Kingdom.  
**Research Associate** - African Leadership Centre/CSDG.

04/2013 – 03/2017 University of Bamberg, Bamberg, Germany.  
**Doctoral Fellow** –Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences.

- 06/2015 – 10/2015 South African Institute of International Affairs, Johannesburg, SA.  
**Visiting Research Fellow** – Governance and APRM Unit.
- 10/2012 – 03/2013 University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa.  
**Research Assistant** – Centre of Criminology.
- 09/2008 – 07/2010 Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology, Kumasi, Ghana.  
**Research and Teaching Assistant** – Faculty of Social Sciences.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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Banchani, John-Paul Safunu (2017), The Role of Functional Differentiation in the Governance of the Decision-Making Process of the African Peer Review Mechanism: Merit-Based Decision-Making or Power Politics? (Bamberg: University of Bamberg Press OPUS).

Banchani, John-Paul Safunu (2016), The relevance of the Gulf of Guinea in global energy politics, in *African Security Review*, Volume 25, Issue 4.

Banchani, John-Paul Safunu and Elrena van der Spuy (2013), Bibliography on police and policing research in South Africa, 2000–2012, in *South African Crime Quarterly*, No. 46.

Banchani, John-Paul Safunu (2012), Do Grassroots Approaches and Mobilization for Development contribute to Post-Conflict Peacebuilding? The Experience of Northern Ghana, ALC Monograph Series, No. 26. (Nairobi & London: ALC).

## **CONFERENCES AND COURSES ATTENDED**

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- 3<sup>rd</sup> International Research Conference of the College of Humanities, University of Ghana. Paper presented: “The role of functional differentiation in the African Peer Review Mechanism at the University of Ghana, Legon. July 2017.
- 10<sup>th</sup> ECPR General Conference, ECPR. Paper presented: “The role of delegation in the governance of decision-making within the African Peer Review Mechanism”, at the Charles University, Prague. 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> African Leadership Conference, African Leadership Centre. Paper presented: “The role of delegation in decision-making in the African Peer Review Mechanism: Ruled-based?” at King’s College London. 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2016.
- 5<sup>th</sup> ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques held at the University of Bamberg. March 2016. **Course attended:** Advanced Process Tracing Methods.
- Trimberg Research Academy, University of Bamberg, Young Researchers Week. February 2016. **Course attended:** Qualitative Research in Social Sciences.
- 4<sup>th</sup> ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques held at the University of Bamberg. February 2015. **Course attended:** Introduction to NVivo for Qualitative Data Analysis.

- 2013 Berlin Summer School in Social Sciences organized by the Social sciences Research Center Berlin (WZB) and the Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences (BGSS) Berlin, Germany. July 14 to July 26, 2013.

## **FUNDING AND ACADEMIC AWARDS**

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- Awarded the African Leadership Centre Scholars Fellowship at King's College London 2011/12.
- Awarded a doctoral fellowship at the BAGSS under the German Research Foundation Excellence Initiative 2013.
- Awarded the DAAD-STIBET Funding for International Students, University of Bamberg 2017 (Funded by the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs).
- IPID4all Scholarship (for doctoral researchers' active participation in conferences) funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research June 2017.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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- Reviewed the working paper series of the African Leadership Centre.
- Reviewed abstract submissions for 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual BAGSS Conference.
- Co-managed a research project on Policing and Police research.
- Involved in the Planning of the 4<sup>th</sup> African Leadership conference.

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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English-	C2.	German-	A2.	French-	A2.
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## **SOFTWARE SKILLS**

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NVIVO-	advance.	MaxQDA-	intermediate.	LaTeX-	intermediate.
MS OFFICE-	advance.	R-	elementary.		

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**References on request.**

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